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Left—JOHNNY WILSON, Middleweight Champion of World, who has not fought for a long time but who may defend his title soon.

Right—LUIS ANGEL FIRPO, Argentina, South America Heavyweight, who gained recognition as a possible contender for world's title by knocking out Bill Brennan in 12 rounds. (Read ringside report of fight on page 2.)

Luis Firpo Wins Recognition as [illegible] for Dempsey's Title by Knocking Out Bill Brennan

Giant South American Fighter Puts Tough Veteran Heavyweight down for full count in twelfth round at Madison Square Garden—Right to jaw floors Brennan who gets up and is kayoed with another right behind ear—Brennan was winning and had punished Firpo badly up to final round—Eastern Boxing News

BY CLARENCE S. GILLESPIE

NEW YORK — Jack Dempsey's throne is trembling. A foreigner is on the warpath. He is Luis Angel Firpo, the giant Argentinian. It may take six months or maybe a year, but surely in that space of time the champ must go in there and swap punches with him. Make no mistake, Luis, the hairy, murderous punching South American, threatens to make plenty of trouble for our Jack.

The convincing manner in which he disposed of the stubborn Bill Brennan, in the Madison Square Garden ring on March 12, undoubtedly told the 11,000 spectators that he is next in line for a smash at the man who dethroned Willard.

Firpo knocked out Brennan in the first minute's fighting of the twelfth round. A right cross on the chin staggered our Will and as he started to crumple up from the impact of the punch Firpo unloosened some dynamite. A right hander on the back of the left ear, some call it a rabbit blow, laid Brennan low. He fell face downward. As his face struck the resin floor it was plain to see that he was out.

Brennan Knocked Cold

Referee Apfel could have counted 500 so far as Bill was concerned. He heard not a sound. He was carried to his corner while the shocked audience looked on as if they couldn't believe their eyes. For only a minute before they had seen Brennan punish Firpo severely with a volley of left hooks.

Brennan went to the well once too often. That tells the story of his beat in a nutshell.

In spots this battle resembled the historic Gus Ruhlin-Peter Maher pummelling contest. For big fellows the mixing was fast and furious from the tap of the first gong. Brennan, I repeated, was ahead on points until the fateful twelfth.

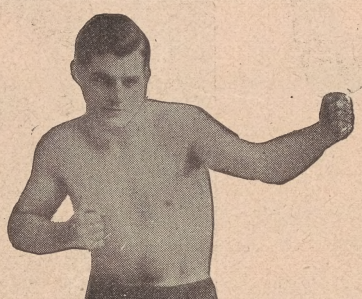
Firpo outweighed Leo Flynn's warrior by 17 pounds. Brennan tipped the beam at 203 eight hours before he crawled through the ropes. Bill appeared to be in pretty good shape when he carried top weight around the ring. Luis was in wonderful form and the way he acted after he sat on his stool denoted tons of confidence.

The Argentinian was handled superbly by Jimmy DeForest. Flynn looked after Bill.

The crowd razzed Firpo when he was introduced. Brennan got a boisterous reception. [illegible] interpreter Firpo of the referee's instructions.

Firpo was 1 to 3 choice two weeks intervening before the fight. So much Brennan money showed up that two hours before the fireworks started it was even. Brennan slowly but surely climbed in the betting until at ring time he closed 8 to 5 favorite. There wasn't much Firpo kale around. It was said Brennan bet $1,500 on himself. The wise guys got a kick in the pants and some lost all they won on the two previous fights, Genaro against Villa and Tunney with Greb.

Firpo dashed to the front like a Man-O-War when the first bell clanged. He lunged and shot a variety of punches to the head. His best was a long right. Brennan was feeling his man out taking unnecessary punishment. Firpo kept piling up points as the furious battle raged.



BILL BRENNAN

Coming out of a clinch in the fourth, Bill swung a vicious right and after he got it in butted Firpo over the left eye. Blood started to flow. This bothered the big fellow. He was a pitiful sight as the fifth session started. The tide turned in Brennan's favor in this stanza. He got his famous hook into play and it raised havoc, so much so that Firpo was bewildered. Firpo was missing while Bill walked in and out hitting at the motionless target.

Firpo Can Take It

They never made 'em any gamer than Firpo. With blood streaming into his eyes from the gash he kept plunging in hoping against hope that he might land some of his wild swings.

Brennan evened up things rounding the ninth. He looked all a winner when the eleventh ended. Firpo was hurt from the southpaw assault of his opponent.

Then came the sudden end. Like a bolt out a clear sky Firpo darted out of his corner and ropped a bomb in Brennan's path. Bill could hardly get his hands up to ward off the impending slaughter. Bill was going but he didn't know it. He took the right smash on the whiskers and as he ducked Firpo pulled the old rabbit blow. Funny thing, call it coincidence, Dempsey annihilated Brennan with a similar punch and in the same round two years ago.

Firpo's strength, gameness under fire, wonderful recuperative powers and a smattering knowledge of boxing whipped Brennan. The invader trained two solid weeks and he worked faithfully. DeForest deserves great credit for rounding out a crude giant into a real fighter.

They took motion pictures of the fight for South American consumption. Thousands of dollars were spent cabling the report of the battle by rounds to newspapers in Buenos Aires. It cost "La Nacion" $1.50 a word to get the result. They got the news of Firpo's victory eight minutes after it was over.

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The old adage "they never come back" was knocked skyward March 3 at the Commonwealth Club, when Jack Delaney, the best middleweight prospect uncovered in recent years, turned the tables on Augie Ratner. It will be remembered that almost a year ago Ratner spilled Jack all over the resin floor. Delaney sought revenge but he couldn't get it until he teamed up with Pete Reilly, a Brooklyn sportsman. Reilly went to work on "Doc" Bagley, Augie's manager, with the result that he got Jack a return match.

The bout was a sizzler. In the fourth round Delaney knocked Augie down for the nine count and the bell saved the Bronxite. From then on Delaney went out to win by himself. Jack showed considerable class, both in punching and defensive work. He had Augie's number from the tap of the first gong. He used a long left to advantage crossing the right at opportune moments much to Ratner's surprise.

The crowd could not [illegible] believe their eyes when they saw [illegible] many man-

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Tom Andrews' Timely Ring Gossip

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—The winner of the proposed Johnny Kilbane-Eugene Criqui world's championship match, to be held in New York, about June 2, will in all probability have a mid-western lad to figure with in the future. The boy in question is Joey Sangor of Milwaukee, who has been in the game as a top-line performer, hardly a year. During that time he has advanced very fast meeting such boys as Stewart McLean, Saph McKenna, Eddie Anderson, Charley Goodman and Sammy Mandell. The latter he battled twice, the last time stopping him on a technical knockout in seven rounds. Mandell looked to be the class of the west, along with Frankie Garcia, but the decisive defeat at the hands of Sangor places the latter in the front ranks as a challenger for the featherweight title. Sangor will also be a challenger for the junior lightweight title, held by Johnny Dundee.

Tom S. Andrews

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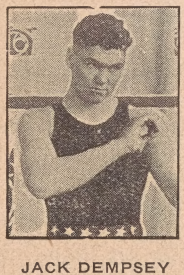
Tossing aside offers of $100,000 and more for a twelve or fifteen round contest is mere play these days for Champion Jack Dempsey and his manager, Jack Kearns. A Cleveland syndicate offered Jack $100,000 for a bout with Tommy Gibbons, but it was turned down cold. Another syndicate of Shelby, Montana, made an offer through Mike E. Collins of Minneapolis, of $250,000, of which Dempsey was to get $200,000, to stage a fifteen-round bout there, July 4th, next. Manager Jack Kearns at first wired Collins to go ahead with the deal and the latter was all set to close matters up, having received transportation and expenses from the Shelby people, when there came another report out of New York that Tex Rickard, after hearing of the Shelby proposition, declared that he would raise the bid, although up to that time Tex had not given much consideration to a Dempsey-Gibbons match. It is almost a certainty now that Rickard will offer Dempsey from $250,000 to $300,000 and Tommy Gibbons from $75,000, to $100,000 for the bout, to be held in Jersey the coming summer, possibly July 4th. Rickard was set on matching Dempsey and Jess Willard, ex-champion, for a return battle, but the press has been so strongly opposed to it, also the New York boxing commission, that he will no doubt give up the idea now.



JACK DEMPSEY

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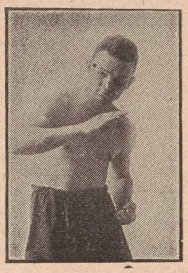
With all the big offers being prepared, the heavyweights about the country are trying their best to "get in on some of the soft coin." Willard will never be given a chance unless he should meet a couple of the challengers first and prove his sincerity and ability to cope with the best. Louis Firpo, the South American, is being boosted very strongly. He is big and powerful, but lacking in boxing skill. However, he has youth and strength and that counts for much. Jack Johnson, ex-champion, says Firpo is improving and, with the help of Johnson, he should advance rapidly. Floyd Johnson is on about a par with Firpo and both should be put against Tommy Gibbons before they meet Dempsey. The latter looks about the best of the lot to send against Dempsey.



TOMMY GIBBONS

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The craze for big offers, many of them to gain advertising and notoriety, has spread to Canada. A Winnipeg syndicate is reported to have offered $200,000 for Harry Wills, colored champion, and Jack Renault, Canadian heavyweight champion. Why such an offer is made is hard to fathom, as few promoters in the east would even offer $25,000 for such a match just now.

It can be stated, however, that the Montana offer of $200,000 was bonafide and the money was ready to be placed in Mr. Collins' hands as a guarantee of good faith.

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When Mickey Walker took the welterweight crown away from Jack Britton, there were many fans and critics who said that the Jersey lad would not last long as a champion; that he knew little about the game and would be pie for some of the classy boys like Dave Shade. Well, Mickey has been a pretty busy boy since beating the veteran and he has not picked the softest kind of marks either. One thing is sure — Mickey must have picked up mighty fast. There are some champions who might follow the lead set by Mickey. His next bout of importance will be with Pete Latzo, a tough 145-po Scranton, Pa., at Newark, March 20.

Mickey Walker

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The filing of papers in bank at Los Angeles by James J. J ave a former world's heavyweight names pion, came as a big surprise many friends throughout the c as it was generally supposed th tle in was about as well t they fixed financially, as any boxer in the country, despite the fact that he did not "get in" on any of the million dollar s" their purses, which the stars of today are looking for.

James J

Jeffries' ranch at Burbank, near Los Angeles, where he had a wonderful stock of thoroughbred cattle and a splendid tract was known to nearly every man of prominence in the world. Jim has a wonde house, equipped with all veniences and a layout fo in the center of the big l commodate 500 people at o It is in this spot where Ji tertained so many of his former days. About the last tainment given by Jeff befor his petition, was for Eddie the well-known vaudeville s ter Kelly, in the "Virgini Tommy O'Brien, the boxer, newspaper writers. At this ing Jeff never intimated that in financial straits, but some of the present day fig the lecture platform.

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Comparing Jack Dempse some of the earlier stars, modern "It would be unfair to Mr tle. for me to say the old-timer ter or anything like that. to ancient I have seen of Jack he is a number fully hard hitter and has els. his own. I do think the he of my time, that as a clas as defeat-superior to those of today a return they have not developed such Bob Fitzsimmons, Jim Corb Sharkey, Kid McCoy, Pete om King, Joe Choynski and others. later con-tire lot I think Fitzsimmons most wonderful, for a ma weight and boy, how that Jim Hall faced man could hit!" knocked

Referring to the report that been approached to take to ture platform, Jeff said: "Yes only true. Mr. Al Ray of Texas led John after me for some time to ounds. trail' as Billy Sunday says, a is a strong probability that I Muld so. I do not mean to go out and f against prohibition, although I the present law will sooner or

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European Boxing News and Comment

By Boxing Major

Luis Fi

ON, ENG.—Everyone is won-ing what Joe Beckett intends do about his position with Ma-Wilson. As matters stand the

Giant South holds the British champion's

at Mad ure for a battle with Georges ntier on May 17, whilst Beckett an so agreed to box Dick Smith for itish title on May 14. The con- has arisen through the two nements of the Smith match and consenting to the new date, t forgot his existing contract

NEW YOR Major Wilson. It is manifestly throne is t ble, or rather unsatisfactory, on the war champion to engage in two Firpo, the gian nt battles within a space of take six months ss. In the event of a defeat at surely in that sp ls of Smith, the latter fight must go in the pt prove attractive from the with him. Mak standpoint, whilst if he the hairy, murder mith put up a stiff battle, American, threate viously affect his condition trouble for our J pentier scrap. Major Wil-

The convincin rst claim on Beckett's serv- disposed of the announces his intention of nan, in the M g his claim. The National ring on March Club may in the circum- the 11,000 spec decide to cancel the bout for in line for a s ish title. In that case Dick dethroned Willar have a real grievance. He the British title by default,

Firpo knocked ready submitted to two ap- first minute's fig s, but the fans here are dead round. A righ titles being decided in this staggered our It may be proposed to bring to crumple up f elated title bout after Beck- pung Firpo as settled his title affair with rite. A right tier, though there may be ob- the left ear, s s from Beckett against such a laid Brennan l on in view of his plans for ward. As his ican jaunt under the aegis of floor it was pl ourke. It is a pretty muddle out. natever Beckett decides there is Brenn o be trouble.

Referee Ap * * * 500 so far as B Todd, the new middleweight heard not a sou n, has, we are informed, his corner wh down several good offers for ooked on as i America. In thus deciding, heir eyes. For bably acting wisely. He is hey had seen B years old, which is very erely with a British champions. It is Brennan went as not been rushed into the en. That te ut his experience is purely eat in a nuts and whilst giving him full n spots this his many victories, it must oric Gus verlooked that the 160-pound elling cont this side of the Atlantic is ting was ctly bristling with Jimmy tap of the His defeat of Ted Lewis was ed, was ahg enough, and even granting ful twelfth Hebrew is as great a fighter rpo outwe e was two years ago—a by no by 17 po certain deduction—it should beam at forgotten that Lewis is very rawled t ore than a welterweight. Todd ared to s all the necessary ingredients he carrie world's champion. He has t. Luis skill, strength and a knowledge the way craft that almost equals that stool den Driscoll at his best. The one The Arg l asset is his wallop. That he erbly b punch which hurts, is certain, ked aft he does not appear to be over he crow us to let it go without just, or introd ary cause. In some bouts he erous r adily punched his opponent to rpo of t

a standstill, but instead of sending over a sleep producer, has deliberately reverted to boxing of the flick and step away order. This method would scarcely win him the approval of American fans, nor is it likely to help him towards the world's crown. There is a possibility of overtures to Johnny Wilson for a bout with Todd in London. If Wilson cared to risk his crown, he could rest assured that he would be well paid for the venture. Todd's immediate plans rest on the result of the Siki-McTigue mingle at Dublin, St. Patrick's Day. Should the Irishman prove successful, negotiations already in progress, will be further advanced for a Todd-McTigue bout in London sometime this summer. In the event of the negro getting the decision, there will be nothing doing, as Todd is not looking for trouble in the light heavyweight class.

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The omission of the International Union to announce an official holder of the European welter title has caused quite a flutter in the 147-pound dovecots. Ted Lewis, the legitimate champion at the weight—or rather the last to fight for it—is not at all disturbed by the commotion in France and Belgium, both of whom have put forward nominations for the honor. Porcher, the French champion is ready to battle all and sundry, whilst Piet Hobin, the Belgian champ has ambitions in the same direction. Of the pair, Hobin is the soundest proposition for Lewis, providing he—and also Lewis—can make the poundage limit, Hobin has for some time been fighting in the middleweight class, mainly through lack of opponents in the welter division. He has a good record against English boys and has a defeat of Maurice Prunier to his credit. Hobin is not at all particular in his desires as he includes Roland Todd in his sweeping challenge to British fighters.

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Mike Honeyman, ex-featherweight champion and now an aspirant for the lightweight title, had a check put to his ambitions by a defeat at the hands of Danny Morgan, a Welsh contender for the title.

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A while ago, Marcel Nilles, the French official heavyweight champion, was said to have designs on a bout with Jack Dempsey, or rather the boxing end of a fat purse that a Paris syndicate proposed hanging up. Unfortunately for Nilles, the French Boxing Federation declined to entertain the suggestion, pointing out that Nilles should first establish himself as champion of Europe. To that end Nilles participated in the competition organized by the Federation to dispose of the title left vacant by Siki's defection. Nilles won his first contest, but was eclipsed by the Dutch champion, Van der Veer. For four rounds Nilles scored the majority of points without rousing the crowd any, and sustaining a fractured hand in the eighth round he retired. Van der Veer now meets the giant Spanish title holder, Josef Texidor, for the European title. The winner's claim to the crown will naturally be challenged by Joe Beckett, the British champion, who has quite as much right to the title as the winner of the Federation's competition.

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Texidor made his bow to a London crowd in a 15 round contest with Alf. Bright. The Spaniard has a great deal to learn of the fine points of the game, being absolutely devoid of defense, and, very little notion of clean hitting. His size and weight proved too much for Bright, who, at his best, is only a third rater? On this showing Texidor can be dismissed as a serious factor in the heavyweight situation.

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Never before in my experience have I seen a champion take such a lacing as Roland Todd handed to Ted Lewis. There was no disguising the defeat. Lewis himself, seemed to realize he was up against it after the third round. Ted failed to win a single round and the most one could concede him was an even break in four out of the twenty. It was a hostile house for Lewis and I felt rather sorry for him as he left the ring. Usually a game loser gets a share of the applause — and Lewis was game enough—but the crowd were all for the new king of the middleweights. Todd fought as he ought to have done the first time he boxed Lewis. He had profited by his previous experience and introduced plenty of variety into his work. Lewis, on the other hand, fought as he has always done. He seemed to have no idea beyond getting in close and whaling away at the body. Fortunately for Todd, the referee—Joe Palmer—did not stand for any clinching and holding.

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For the past few years American boxers have been accused of being too strenuous in their work, when in close, in England, but now the National Sporting Club of London has decided that the Yanks are about right in their analysis of the sport. It has always been the claim of the Englishmen that the boxers here depended more on science, and not the slugging part of the game. As a result there were many bouts where the tapping and flapping with the open gloves suggested the possibility of "fake," but the boxers got away with it on the ground that it was scientific. The London club has now taken a stand against the practice and the boxers are not over enthusiastic about it. The club's action has not come a moment too soon.

Breezy Broadway Boxing Bits

By Arthur T. Lumley

THE battle royal between the avaricious promoters is now on in this city.

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Many leading politicians have a figure in the mussy pie.

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Arthur T. Lumley

In fact, the promotion of big championship matches is absolutely controlled by the political powers that predominate.

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The promoter with the strongest leaders behind him takes the cake.

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Many of these hungry politicians imagine that there are millions in the boxing game.

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And they are out to cut in.

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Unscrupulous politicians have spoiled the sport here many times before.

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And they are likely to do so again from the present outlook.

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Most of the licensed referees, judges, and inspectors are simply political appointments.

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As I've said many times before in the Boxing Blade.

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It doesn't matter how incompetent you are for any position under the commission.

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As long as you have the political power behind you.

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That's the reason there are so many punk referees and judges.

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Who render such rank decisions which rob champions of their titles.

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Is it fair to take a champion's crown away from him on a hairline decision?

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Honest fans are still howling with indignation over the Tunney-Greb and Genaro-Villa decisions.

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But both of these affairs will be fought over again before much larger crowds, in the good old summer time.

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The two questionable decisions will cause extra interest in the return matches.

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There's no better publicity than heated arguments over a pair of top-notchers, who have fought a very close combat.

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So why should a crafty promoter worry over the unfair decisions?

What a lot of investigations Muldoon has started, but never finished.

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Has there been any result or satisfaction from the big crooked gambling scheme exposed by the Boxing Blade

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Has there been any result from the investigations of the raw decisions exposed by this paper?

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Have any of the incompetent or unworthy judges and referees been barred?

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What's become of all the other alleged investigations?

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They were probably strangled to death in the secret chamber of the commission.

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Investigations don't mean anything, except they produce some result.

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Suppose the commission was to investigate the character of some of the bunk managers and others?

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Gunmen and gangsters, who are a disgrace to the manly art.

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That hold a license which enables them to prey upon you unsophisticated boxers and the public.

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Ah, but these wolves have big political backing.

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They are coaching Floyd Johnson to box an extended defensive battle with Jess Willard.

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Floyd's advisors imagine that he can be taught to keep away from Jess until the latter's wind gives out.

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So it behooves Willard to be very aggressive from the start.

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That's if the ponderous Pottawatomie giant can be aggressive at his age.

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Willard is very sore indeed, over the severe roasting he's been getting from the fistic scribes.

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The unmerciful criticism has got the former champion's goat.

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And he swears before all the gods above that he'll fight like a demon.

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Just to prove to the critics that they are all wrong.

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Years ago, Casper Leon was a great bantam. Now a young New York ringster reverses his name and calls himself "Leon Casper."

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Pretty soon some boxer will probably christen himself Ketchel Stanley, or McGovern Terry.

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The original Jack McAuliffe is kicking against the new heavyweight who has adopted his name.

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Future ring historians will have a fine time over the confusion of names of boxers, of this age especially.

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Wonder why boxers will battle in Philadelphia for half the amount they demand in this city?

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Even the Brooklyn clubs sidestep up for much less than they receive in Manhattan.

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And out among the "sticks" their rates are considerably lower.

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Jeff Smith has fought more bouts than any other middleweight on earth during the past year.

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And many of his opponents have been heavyweights.

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Since Mike Gibbons retired Smith is entitled to be known as the "uncrowned middleweight champion."

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Wonder where some of the New York clubs get the big stiffs that clown in their rings nowadays?

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They must dig some of them out of the cemetery, surely.

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Most of them know as much about the manly art as a tramp Tom Cat.

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Such dubs with names like Battling Dumbell, Knockout Fishball and Murdering Mushmug.

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About the time a fighter begins to brag that nobody can take him, along comes a flashy Broadway vamp and then, good night.

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Gene Tunney is the fifth modern champion to regain a lost title.

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But if one delves back into ancient fistic history he'll find quite a number who regained their lost laurels.

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The famous Jem Mace was defeated by Bob Brettle, but in a return mill Mace conquered Brettle.

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Mace was also beaten by Tom King, whom he polished off in a later conflict.

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Bob Fitzsimmions lost to Jim Hall in Australia and afterwards knocked out Hall in America.

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The great John Morrissey only weighed 173 when he whipped John C. Heenan, who scaled 190 pounds.

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It's very evident that Mr. Muld doesn't know this or many other f about heavyweight champions.

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Or he would not have barre Gibbons from combating Jack sey on account of weight.

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JACK DEMPSEY, heavyweight champion of the world, is surely the most unfortunate individual that ever held a boxing title. Having decisively beaten every challenger with any pretesnions to title honors, he is debarred from a second meeting with all or any of them, the shout of "fake" being raised directly a return engagement is mentioned.

Jack is contemplating another European tour shortly with the idea of making a little money. It can be said right now that it will be very little, if a fight is to be the media of gathering in the shekels. He is credited with strong hopes of boxing Joe Beckett over there, basing his belief on the ground that the British fans think Beckett a wonder. It would be interesting to know from whom Dempsey gleaned this information. Surely some of Beckett's home town admirers may entertain the idea that the British champion might, with a considerable amount of luck, put up a respectable show against Jack, but no sane sports writer on that side has yet insulted the intelligence of the British public in suggesting that Beckett would possess an earthly chance against the American champion.

This is what Col. Deyer, a well known writer of London, says of the proposed tour and the possibility of a match between Beckett and Dempsey: "Jack Dempsey's visit to Britain is nothing more than an Am[illegible] average British heavyweight champion and any American with a knowledge of British title holders during the past 20 years can easily estimate Beckett's prospects of success if matched with Dempsey. Apart from the question of ability, we have yet to learn that any British promoter would be willing to undertake the risk attaching to a world's title bout over here. Very few promoters on this side have ever handled a really big bout, and it is a foregone conclusion that an arena would have to be built for the occasion. Never in the history of British boxing has an arena been specially built for a boxing match, and it is many years since an important bout was pulled off in the open air. The last occasion was in 1908, when Jimmy Britt and Johnny Summers met at Canning Town, a venture that put the lid on open air boxing in London. The existing boxing halls in England would not be anywhere near large enough to recompense any promoter of a Beckett-Dempsey bout, though the reconstructed Buffalo Velodrome in Paris would be an ideal site. But would the French fans enthuse over a British-American conflict, especially at the admission rates necessary to secure the venturesome promoter a profit? Dempsey's one means of making money here is on the vaudeville stage. He could get fairly good money at the main halls of the principal towns, but it is doubtful whether he would have much of a margin after deducting traveling, tax and hotel expenses.

"Jack was banking on the fulfillment of the memorable agreement signed here last summer for a return Carpentier bout in Paris this year, for which the Buffalo Velodrome was put into shape. Unfortunately for Jack, the notorious Siki torpedoed these plans by his sensational defeat of the French idol and Dempsey can not hold out hopes of a scrap with the negro. As Carpentier, Beckett and Siki have accounted for the rest of the European heavyweights and none of the three worthies can be deemed a suitable opponent for Jack, it will have to be a pleasure trip for him if he comes over."

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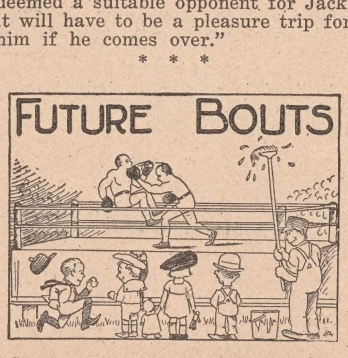


Georges Carpentier vs. Joe Beckett, London, England, June 14th.

Joe Beckett vs. Dick Smith, 20 rounds, London, England, May 14th.

Eugene Criqui vs. Johnny Kilbane, 15 rounds, New York City, June 2nd.

Benny Leonard vs. Sailor Friedman, 15 rounds, New York City, July 2nd.

Jess Willard vs. Floyd Johnson, 15 rounds, New York City, May 12th.

Jimmy Wilde vs. Pancho Villa, 15 rounds, New York City, June 16th.

Pancho Villa vs. Battling Murray, 12 rounds, Waterbury, Conn., March 22nd.

Frankie Daly vs. Mickey Delmont, 12 rounds, Perth Amboy, N. J., March 23rd.

Jay Lanahan vs. Bobby Lyons, Brooklyn, N. Y., March 24th.

Danny Rogers vs. Johnny Rose, 10 rounds, Elmira, N. Y., March 28th.

Gunner Joe Quinn vs. Jimmy Nuss, 10 rounds, Fond du Lac, Wis., March 21st.

Johnny O'Donnell vs. Eddie Boehme, 10 rounds, Fond du Lac, Wis., March 21st.

Dandy Dillon vs. Vic Foley, 6 rounds, Seattle, Wash., March 21st.

Johnny Noye vs. Bud Perrell, 10 rounds, Terre Haute, Ind., March 26th.

Mickey Walker vs. Pete Latzo, 12 rounds, Newark, N. J., March 20th.

Young Stribling vs. Lee Leonard, 10 rounds, Savannah, Ga., March 20th.

Wilbur Cohen vs. Bobby Wolgast, Atlantic City, N. J., March 26th.

Jamaica Kid vs. Kid Norfolk, 10 rounds, Buffalo, N. Y., March 26th.

Terry McHugh vs. Frankie Mack, Buffalo, N. Y., March 26th.

Billy Shade vs. Chuck Wiggins, 8 rounds, Scranton, Pa., March 29th.

Italian Joe Gans vs. Jimmy (Butch) O'Hagen, 10 rounds, Albany, N. Y., March 20th.

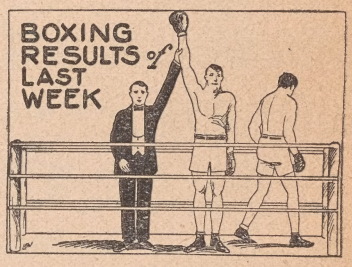
Midget Smith vs. Pee Wee Keiser, 10 rounds, St. Louis, Mo., March 22nd.

Benny Valgar vs. Jack Lawler, 10 rounds, Hartford, Conn., March 29th.

Izzy Tanner vs. Young Mareel, 10 rounds, Hartford, Conn., March 29th.

Bud Dempsey vs. Frankie Mack, 10 rounds, Hartford, Conn., March 29th.

Jeff Smith vs. Dan Dowd, 12 rounds, Lewiston, Maine, April 4th.



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Luis Angel Firpo knocked out Bill Brennan, twelfth round at New York City, March 12th.

"Young Bob" Fitzsimmons defeated Charley McKenna, twelve rounds at New York City, March 12th.

"Kid" Williams defeated Sammy Sandow, twelve rounds at Baltimore, Md., March 12th.

Benny McCoy defeated Joe Souza, ten rounds at New York City, March 9th.

Wee Wee Willie Spencer defeated Jimmy Thomasula, twelve rounds at New York City, March 9th.

Frankie Carpenter defeated Tommy Madden, eight rounds at New York City, March 9th.

Al Studdy defeated Eddie Clifford, six rounds at New York City, March 9th.

Johnny Leonard defeated Johnny Colclough, ten rounds at Schenectady, N. Y., March 9th.

Harry Carlson defeated Young Blades, ten rounds at Woonsocket, R. I., March 9th.

Archie Walker defeated Sailor Byron, ten rounds at Worcester, Mass., March 9th.

Eddie Polo defeated Young Dempsey, twelve rounds at Augusta, Maine, March 9th.

Hank McGovern defeated Johnny Royce, eight rounds at Philadelphia, Pa., March 9th.

Eddie Fitzsimmons and Johnny Donnelly boxed ten rounds to a draw at Lancaster, Pa., March 9th.

Pete Hartley defeated Red Mack, twelve rounds at Albany, N. Y., March 6th.

Jack Renault knocked out George Godfrey, eleventh round at New York City, March 9th.

Charlie Weinert defeated Chuck Wiggins, twelve rounds at Brooklyn, N. Y., March 5th.

Yussel Pearlstein knocked out Carmine Gaggiano, seventh round at Brooklyn, N. Y., March 5th.

Joe Tiplitz knocked out Happy Mahoney, third round at Brooklyn, N. Y., March 3rd.

Irving Jampole defeated Patsy Philbin, ten rounds at Brooklyn, N. Y., March 3rd.

Hot Shots of Boxing News from Chicago

THE sporting populace of the mid-west was given a shock when Joey Sangor knocked out Sammy Mandell and Frankie Garcia came through with a surpising knockdown and victory over Eddie Anderson. The Sangor bomb blasted the hopes of the aspiring Kane-Long entry and completely upset many local fans who are still wondering how it happened. Well, the Milwaukee pride can thank Frankie Garcia for softening up Mandell for the Minneapolis fray. Only a few weeks ago in this city Garcia had Mandell down for the nine count and gave him a beating that Sammy probably hadn't quite recovered from.

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GARCIA'S victory over Eddie Anderson has caused lots of comment and wrangling amongst the local fistic fraternity. When the match was made Garcia stood out as the biggest card around here. Anderson hasn't been quite up to standard of late as his contests in this section with Patsy Flannigan, Joey Sangor, Tommy Murray and Harold Smith will testify.

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THE SOUTHERNER in his first appearance here was gazed upon as a junior lightweight, many having doubts as to him being able to even scale the featherweight notch. Well, he did that for his bout with Stewart McLean in Milwaukee, moving the beam at 124 pounds. Garcia persistently challenged Mandell and on three different occasions they were matched but the bouts fell through. Then Manager Eddie Long demanded that Garcia do 122 pounds. He did. The local critics were divided in their opinions. One gave the verdict to Garcia, one to Mandell and the rest gave draws. The bout was held after an injunction against police interference was granted the promoters. The disabled war veterans were given a percentage of the receipts. The house, with a limited capacity, drew $6,200, turning away about a thousand fans.

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JIMMY NIKOL wasn't even given a look in around here a short time ago, but since he has boxed Morrie Schlaiffer, Jack Zwick, Johnny Tillman and Bud Logan he is now being flooded with offers from the local matchmakers. Promoter Mullen will probably use him in his next big carnival in April when Champ Mickey Walker finds an open date to travel westward. Otto Borchet, Milwaukee promoter, has Nikol's signature for a battle at the Auditorium the latter part of the month and Jimmy's most persistent demand is to meet Bud Logan again. Nikol claims that Logan is the smartest boxer he has yet faced and thinks that in another meeting, with what tricks he learned from Bud and with his own ability, he will cop the decision over the Omaha mauler.

JAWN KILBANE, the gray-haired feather champ, came on from Cleveland to appear in an exhibition for his pal, promoter Jim Mullen. The gray locks give him an aged appearance, but when he stripped for action he still showed that he has the skill to cope with the best. When interviewed as to the possibilities of Garcia as an opponent he smilingly hinted that the Spaniard stands out as a logical opponent and a dangerous one for a chance at the title in a no-decision bout. Johnny also stated that he will take part in a few minor bouts before the Eugene Criqui title go in June and has given Jim Mullen his word for a contest.

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CHARLEY HARVEY was here last week with Billy Wells who met Frankie Schoell at Omaha. Harvey speaks highly of his new arrival, Joey Fox, the English featherweight champion holder of the Lord Lonsdale belt. This is Joey's second invasion on this side, having met Kilbane, Lynch, Valger. He holds a referee's decision over Eugene Criqui the French champ. His brother Benny is a resident of Chicago and is authorized to make connections for Joey in this vicinity.

KID BANDY, Joe Keefe's little fighting man ran into some misfortune the other evening. When he was winning from Rocky Joyce he was compelled to quit because of a bone being broke in his right hand, it coming right through the skin. Manager Joe was suspicious as to why Bandy was only using one hand after the first round. Bandy refused to admit that he broke it, but Keefe refused to abide by Bandy's persistent demands to let him continue and had Referee Chick Rice send Joyce out of the ring, the only way they could stop the game little Mound City lad from wanting to battle. He received an ovation that shook the building. He had to call off his battles with Dick Loadman at Buffalo and K. O. Mars at Columbus.

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JOCK MALONE is waiting for Johnny Wilson's reply to Mullen's wire regarding a mix out this way. Wilson started training last week for his bout with George Shade in Boston.

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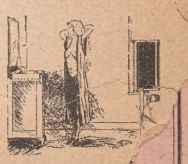

Last Week's Results

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Spug Myers and Johnny Trambitas boxed ten rounds to a draw at Portland, Ore., March 9th.

Frankie Grandetta defeated Sailor Buster Grande, six rounds at Portland, Ore., March 9th.

Broken Blossoms defeated Joe Kennedy, six rounds at Portland, Ore., March 9th.

Brick Coyle defeated Billy Ryan, four rounds at Portland, Ore., March 9th.

Kewpie Riley defeated Kid Manila, four rounds at Portland, Ore., March 9th.

Van Smith and Don Harris boxed four rounds to a draw at Portland, Ore., March 9th.

Mike O'Leary and Jimmy Sacco boxed four rounds to a draw at San Francisco, Calif., March 9th.

Billy Ketchell defeated Frankie Thomas, four rounds at San Francisco, Calif., March 9th.

Sunny Jim defeated Eddie Richards, four rounds at San Francisco, Calif., March 9th.

"Sailor" Smith and Dick Wallace boxed four rounds to a draw at San Francisco, Calif., March 9th.

Kid Moha and Packy McMullin boxed four rounds to a draw at San Francisco, Calif., March 9th.

Sammy Good and Chick Rocco boxed four rounds to a draw at San Francisco, Calif., March 9th.

Jack Griffin defeated Terry McBride, four rounds at San Francisco, Calif., March 9th.

Tim Callaghan and Jack Silver boxed four rounds to a draw at San Francisco, Calif., March 9th.

Mel Coogan and Joe Azevedo boxed four rounds to a draw at Sacramento, Calif., March 9th.

Frankie McCann defeated Willie O'Brien, four rounds at Hollywood, Calif., March 9th.

"Race Horse" Roberts defeated Sailor Ritter, four rounds at Hollywood, Calif., March 9th.

Joe Mandot knocked out Johnny Ryan, second round at Hollywood, Calif., March 9th.

Walter Rooney defeated Jerry Clark, four rounds at Hollywood, Calif., March 9th.

Fred Cullen defeated Delos "Kid" Williams, four rounds at Hollywood, Calif., March 9th.

Mike Solano defeated Alex McDonald, four rounds at Hollywood, Calif., March 9th.

Pickles Martin defeated Young Datto, four rounds at Hollywood, Calif., March 9th.

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handle his man. It looked like a sure thing for Ratner for the dopesters had it figured out that Augie had Delaney's number and all that, which handicap the Connecticut lad wouldn't surmount, they thought. Delaney knew in his heart that he could beat Ratner if he ever got a smash at him again, and the way he went to work on Augie was a treat for the eye. He made him miss and hold in spots.

A week before he got even with Ratner, Delaney sprung the fistic surprise of the year by outpointing Italian Joe Gans. The latter had just whipped Panama Joe Gans and Delaney's victory got him considerable space in the New York papers. Reilly admirers stuck on getting his man a the Brit with Champion Johnny Wilson conside Jawn is reinstated by the Boxa res- Commission. It may sound funny no s t Delaney stands a corking chance yet gainst the boss of the 158-pound division. You must realize that Wilson hasn't fought in some months which fact gives Delaney almost an even chance.

"I want Wilson for Delaney and not going to rest until I have had us wish fulfilled," declared Reilly. Mary ey is a sure hitter, clever and Jac adit take it. You can't beat this Fra ation. I know he'll beat Wilson and I want first crack for my man at him when he is put back into the good graces of the commission. I am going down to the board to post a $2,500 forfeit to bind a match with Jawn."

Delaney holds the New England middleweight title. Last year, in Providence, R. I., he successfully defended his laurels in twelve bouts. "Doc" Casey trains Delaney. Jack hsa beaten Italian Joe Gans, Ratner, Lou Bogash, Frank Carabone, Jack Stone, Joe Rivers, Jack Clarke, Jack McCarron (twice), George Robinson, the tough Negro, and Hughie Ross. His knockout record is a corker, the following having taken the count at his hands: George Shade, one round; Bert Colima, 7; Young Jack Johnson, 2; Battling Nelson, 2; Ted Marshall, 5; Battling Silveria, 9; Soldier Frank, 2; Jack Savage, 2; Jackie Mason, 2, and Frankie Fleming, 8.

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They are still talking about George Godfrey, the big Negro heavyweight, who was knocked out by Jack Renault, in eleven rounds, at the Pioneer Club, March 9. Godfrey was the best press agented scrapper in a good number of years. Jack Johnson had put the o. k. on him and the combination of Jack Kearns, Jim Dougherty, Dan McKetrick and one or two others, believed they had the makings of an opponent for Dempsey. They sent out so much stuff on him that Paddy Mullins, manager of Harry Wills, refused a $25,000 offer to send Harry in against Godfrey.

Many of the spectators thought Godfrey quit. Anyhow, he got a good pasting and the chances are he will go into hiding. Renault demonstrated his superiority from the first bell. Leo Flynn, the Canadian's manager, told the writer right after the fight that he will start a campaign to get Wills for Renault.

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On March 16 the last show was staged in Madison Square Garden. Tom Gibbons and Jack McAuliffe, 2nd, were billed to box on March 19, but the latter's illness cancelled the bout. Matchmaker Frank Flournoy tried to get Harry Greb to meet Gibbons but the former pleaded that he didn't have time enough in which to get into shape. The circus comes in on March 24 and will hang around for six weeks.

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Frank Murphy, chairman of the Connecticut Boxing Commission. was a visitor to the big town last week. He announced that the State Armories in that state have been thrown open to boxing. He has a spot in Hartford where 15,000 persons can see the fights. He got $300 in a collection for the family of Hughey Hutchinson, the Scot lad who recently succumbed to pneumonia.

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Nate Lewis is anxious to match Joe Burman with Carl Tremaine. Joe has beaten the Clevelander three times. At that Burman should get on with Carl again. This is a good open air attraction backed up by a good card.

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Ike Dorgan was laid up for a we with the flu. He came through good shape and in time to see th finish of the six-day race.

Jack Delaney is matched wit Jimmy O'Gatty at a club in Providenc on March 29.

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Some of the hard working boys i the Garden are going on a vacatio to Bermuda. Matchmaker Flourno will visit his folks at Memphis, Tenn., for two weks.

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Andrews' Ring Gossip

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have to be amended. I would like nothing better than to debate with some of these ministers of the gospel, regarding the origin of religion, etc. When I start out on such a tour, and it is very likely I will do so, there will be none of them barred to meet me in debate, including Billy Sunday and others."

Jeffries was very sincere regarding the proposition to take up evangelistic work and it will not be surprising if the ex-champion soon takes to the platform, not because he has filed bankruptcy papers, but because he has been drilling for this work the past five years.

The outdoor life has worked wonders with Jeff. He looks better today, than when he met Jack Johnson at Reno, Nev., July 4, 1910, when he dropped the title. There is a little more grey hair, but otherwise the former champion looks splendid, and really more fit than when he stepped into the ring in the Nevada city. Jeff has a picture he prizes above others; it is one showing himself with Eddie Leonard and Walter Kelly. "They were loyal at Reno," said Jeff, "and have always remained so. Of course, there were others, but they were pals at the time and I prize the picture very highly."

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Title matches in the lightweight class do not appear so promising for 1923, as during 1922. There are really few high class 135-pounders just now to measure up with Champion Benny Leonard, and it is doubtful whether the champion is any too anxious to get down to the required weight—135 pounds—which would be necessary in a championship clash. It is some time since Benny engaged in a match, due to serious trouble he had with his teeth, but late reports state that he is all right again and is now ready for business. The chances are he will not try to make the weight until he has a fight or two under his belt. Don't be surprised if Benny is matched with Mickey Walker, for the welterweight title! Getting down to brass tacks, who is there outside of Lew Tendler and Rocky Kansas, who can meet Leonard at the lightweight limit, that is anyone of class? Pinky Mitchell is around 138 to 140 now; Joe Benjamin is about the same and so is Charley White. There looms on the horizon a real lightweight in the person of Tommy O'Brien, former California boy, who can make from 133 to 135 for the champion. O'Brien has twice defeated Johnny Mendelsohn, a tough lad, and seems to be coming along fast. Should he meet no mishaps it is the intention of O'Brien to challenge Leonard for the title and deposit the necessary $2,500 forfeit with the New York Commission in a short time, as a matter of good faith. Tommy also intends going to England, in the event of not getting a Leonard match, to challenge Seaman Hall for the British title.

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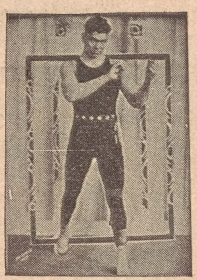

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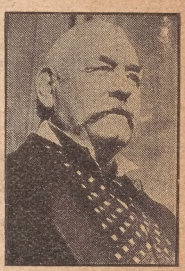

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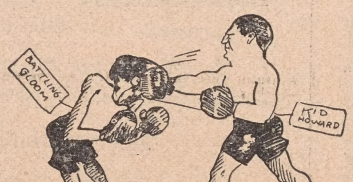

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